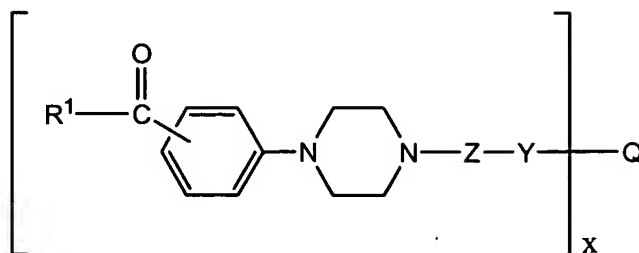


CLAIMS

1. (original) A compound of formula (I):



where:

R¹ represents a methyl group, an ethyl group, a C₅ or C₆ cycloalkyl group or a C₆-C₁₀ aryl group, said aryl group being unsubstituted or being substituted by at least one C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ alkoxy group;

Z represents a C₆-C₁₀ arylene group or a group of formula- (CHR⁴)_n--, where R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group or a C₁-C₄ alkyl group, and n is a number from 0 to 6;

Y represents a carbonyl group or a--CH₂--group, provided that R⁴ represents a hydroxy group when Y represents a--CH₂--group ;

Q represents a residue of a mono-or poly-hydroxy compound having from 1 to 6 hydroxy groups; and x is a number from 1 to 6; and esters thereof.

2. (original) A compound according to Claim 1, where Z represents a group of formula-- (CHR⁴)_n, and n is 1.
3. (original) A compound according to Claim 2, in which R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl group or an ethyl group.
4. (original) A compound according to Claim 3, where R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom.
5. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 2 ~~or Claim 3~~, in which n is a number from 2 to 6 and one group R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl

group, and the other or others of R^4 represent hydrogen atoms.

6. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~ Claim 1, in which Z represents a phenylene group.

7. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein Q represents a group of formula- A_x-Q' , where:

A represents a group of formula- $[O(CHR^2CHR^3)_a]_y$ -, $[O(CH_2)_bCO]_y$ --or --
 $[O(CH_2)_bCO]_{(y-1)}-[O(CHR^2CHR^3)_a]$ --; where:

R^2 and R^3 are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} alkyl group;

a is a number from 1 to 2;

b is a number from 4 to 5; and

y is a number from 1 to 10;

x is a number from 1 to 6; and

Q' represents a residue of a mono-or poly-hydroxy compound having from 1 to 6 hydroxy groups.

8. (original) A compound according to Claim 7, in which y is a number from 3 to 10.

9. (original) A compound according to Claim 8, in which A represents a group of formula $--[O(CHR^{13}CHR^{14})_a]_y--$ where a is an integer from 1 to 2, and y is a number from 3 to 10.

10. (original) A compound according to Claim 8, in which A represents a group of formula $--[OCH_2CH_2]_y--$, $--[OCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2]_y--$ or $--[OCH(CH_3)CH_2]_y--$, where y is a number from 3 to 10.

11. (original) A compound according to Claim 8, in which A represents a group of formula-- $[O(CH_2)_bCO]_y-$, where b is a number from 4 to 5 and y is a number from 3 to 10.
12. (original) A compound according to Claim 8, in which A represents a group of formula -- $[O(CH_2)_bCO]_{(y-1)}-[O(CHR^2CHR^1)]_a-$, where a is a number from 1 to 2, b is a number from 4 to 5 and y is a number from 3 to 10.
13. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of Claims 7 to 12~~ Claim 7, in which x is 2 and y is a number from 1 to 10.
14. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of Claims 7 to 13~~ Claim 7, in which y is a number from 3 to 6.
15. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of Claims 7 to 14~~ Claim 7, in which the residue Q- (A-)_x has a molecular weight no greater than 2000.
16. (original) A compound according to Claim 15, in which the residue Q'-(A-)_x has a molecular weight no greater than 1200.
17. (original) A compound according to Claim 16, in which the residue Q'-(A-)_x has a molecular weight no greater than 1000.
18. (original) A compound according to Claim 17, in which the residue Q'-(A-)_x has a molecular weight no greater than 800.
19. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of Claims 7 to 18~~ Claim 7, in which Q' is a residue of a polyalkylene glycol, in which the alkylene part has from 2 to 6 carbon atoms.
20. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of Claims 7 to 18~~ Claim 7

7, in which Q' is a residue of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, glycerol, 2,2-propanediol, polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, polybutylene glycol, trimethylolpropane, di-trimethylolpropane, pentaerythritol or di-pentaerythritol.

21. (currently amended) A compound according to any one of ~~Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim 6, in which x is 1.

22. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 20, in which Q is the residue of a compound ~~of formula~~ of the formula R^1-OH .

23. (original) A compound according to Claim 21, in which Q is a C_1-C_6 alkoxy group or a phenoxy group.

24. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 21 ~~or Claim 22~~, in which Z is a phenylene group.

25. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim 1, in which Q is a residue of a polyalkylene glycol, in which the alkylene part has from 2 to 6 carbon atoms.

26. (original) A compound according to Claim 25, in which Q is a residue of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, glycerol, 2, 2-propanediol, polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, polybutylene glycol, trimethylolpropane, di-trimethylolpropane, pentaerythritol or di-pentaerythritol.

27. (currently amended) An energy-curable composition comprising:
(a) a polymerisable monomer, prepolymer or oligomer;
(b) a photoinitiator; and
(c) a sensitizer which is a compound of formula (I), as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 26~~ Claim 1, or an ester thereof.

28. (original) A process for preparing a cured polymeric composition by exposing a composition according to Claim 27 to curing energy.

29. (original) A process according to Claim 28, in which the curing energy is ultraviolet radiation.